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SECURITY INFORMATION

NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 127

18 March 1952

1. The following were present:

Mr. Clinton	State
Mr. Egbert	State
Lt. Col. Kiel	Army
Col. Kirgis	Navy
Lt. Col. Rogers	Navy
Lt. Jones	Navy
26X109a Lt. Col. Rush	Air Force
	CIA (Vice-Chairman)

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2. The Vice-Chairman referred to a memorandum dated 28 February 1952 from the Navy member setting forth that Agency's concurrence in the proposed downgrading of certain aspects of the NIS Program. State, Army, and Air Force had previously approved this proposal. (Refer to paragraph 3, NIS Committee Meeting No. 126, 26 February 1952). The Vice-Chairman undertook to have NIS Memorandum No. 15 (Classification of NIS) revised in accordance with the Committee decision.

3. The Vice-Chairman informed the Committee that there had been several instances recently where publication of a section had been delayed due to contributor's failure to make prompt submission of corrected originals of multi-colored maps. These originals are held by the contributor until notice is received from D/B as to the corrections that will be required. The contributor then makes the necessary corrections and submits these originals to D/B. He pointed out that at the time the correction memorandum is sent to the contributing agency the editorial processing has been completed in D/B, and that any delay by the agency in submitting the corrected originals of these multi-colored maps will result in a corresponding delay in the publication of the section. He requested the members to take the necessary steps to accelerate the correction and submission of this graphic material.

4. The Vice-Chairman referred to the possible desirability of changing the requirement for reporting on the release of NIS studies to SHAPE from a monthly to a quarterly basis. Following a brief discussion it was agreed that the producing agencies would continue the present reporting procedure, and that D/B would consolidate the releases and prepare the memorandum for the Secretariat, State-Defense Military Information Control Committee recommending the release of NIS elements to SHAPE whenever the number of elements involved warranted such action. It was also agreed that no release recommendations would be made until the elements concerned had reached the printing stage.

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5. The State member reported that the preliminary draft of Supp. V (Petroleum), NIS 26 (USSR) is nearing completion and that he had been advised by Mr. Kale, Bureau of Mines, that it will be submitted to State by 31 March 1952. He referred to the Committee's decision that this preliminary draft would be reviewed by representatives of State, D/B, and the Department of Interior to determine the general adequacy of the research effort, and inquired as to the procedure for accomplishing this review. (Refer to paragraph 2, NIS Committee Meeting No. 120). Following a brief discussion it was agreed that State and D/B representatives would review the draft simultaneously and report their findings to the NIS Committee on 15 April 1952. Further, it was decided that this review would be limited to the coverage aspects of the study, and that no attempt would be made at this time to review the draft from an editorial standpoint.

6. The Vice-Chairman referred to the problem involved in reconciling the cut-off dates for the Army and Navy contributions to NIS 26 (USSR) Supp. I, with specific emphasis on Part III. He stated that Army has brought its cut-off dates up to March 1951 while Navy contributions carry a number of different dates, some of which differ by only a month or two. The Vice-Chairman suggested that a uniform cut-off date be established for these contributions, if possible, and the Navy member undertook to look into the matter. It was pointed out that each printed section must have an over-all date for each page. However, if the cut-off date on some of the information differs from this over-all date, a note to that effect may be carried at the beginning of the subsection concerned. Since the cut-off dates on the Army and Navy contributions to NIS 26, Supp. I will vary, it was decided that this procedure would be followed, and that a general notice to this effect would be carried in the forepart of each section so treated. The Vice-Chairman requested that Part IV of Supp. I, NIS 26 be brought into conformity with the foregoing agreement before it is submitted to D/B.

7. The Vice-Chairman informed the Committee members that, as of 17 March 1952, only 12 sections had been received in D/B out of a total of 114 sections due on or before 31 March 1952. He pointed out that unless there was an immediate improvement in the production situation a large carry-over of sections into the FY 1953 schedule was inevitable, since agency commitments for the next three months are such as to preclude production of a large backlog in addition to scheduled production. He urged all members to do their utmost to bring production up to at least a 75% fulfillment of commitments.

8. The Army member informed the Committee that the Signal Corps had been subjected to an investigation during the past ninety days which had affected its production capabilities to such an extent that not more than 50% of the Signal Corps commitments for the last half of FY 1952 can be fulfilled. He suggested that the current production schedule be revised accordingly. Following a brief discussion it was agreed that no change would be made in the FY 1952 schedule, but that the minutes would carry a statement to the effect that the Committee has taken cognizance of this investigation affecting the Signal Corps contributions. Similarly, the minutes will reflect the fact that Air Force

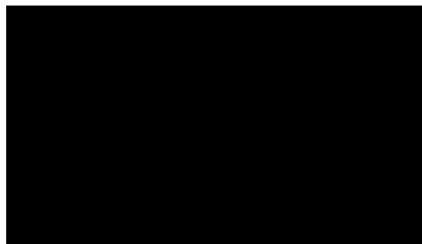
defaults on Sections 23 were due to delays resulting from the move of Air Weather Service to another locality.

9. The Army member referred to a tentatively approved recommendation by his Agency that cross-country movement analyses be incorporated as distinct parts of Sections 24 and 26 for NIS Areas Nos. 26-II, 26-III, 26-IV, 23-31, 32, and 54. (Refer to paragraph 8, NIS Committee Meeting No. 31, dated 7 June 1949). It was agreed that Army would prepare all analyses for these areas, and the Army member advised the Committee that the Corps of Engineers had now completed the first of these analyses, (NIS 32, Saudi Arabia). Since many changes have occurred in the interim, including a rearrangement of Chapter II elements, it was decided that Army would submit the Saudi Arabia contribution to D/B for review, following which the Committee would decide whether or not it should be published.

10. The Vice-Chairman referred to a memorandum from the Navy member requesting a re-examination of the list of NIS areas on which NIS are restricted to U.S. Officials only. This request stems from the fact that recent policy changes on intelligence dissemination would indicate that the list should be revised or cancelled. It was the consensus of the Committee that the list should be re-examined at this time, and it was agreed that the Vice-Chairman would provide copies of the current list of controlled areas at the next meeting. Members will then consult with their respective agencies and submit recommendations for Committee consideration.

11. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at the call of the Vice-Chairman.

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